**Writing Conclusions:**

An effective conclusion wraps up the essay by doing the following things:

* Restating (not repeating) the thesis
* Bringing the essay to an end by making a final statement
* Provoking thought in the reader

Here are some conclusion techniques or ways to close your essay:

* Summarize the three supporting points
* Make a prediction about the topic
* Make a call to action where you attempt to motivate the reader to take some action
* State a final opinion about the topic

Essay Outline #1

Thesis Statement:

Leadership requires thinking for oneself and acting on one’s convictions.

1. Knowledge is not the same thing as leadership.
2. Leadership is motivating others towards a goal.
3. We gain knowledge by studying or experiencing.
4. Having knowledge and having leadership skills are two distinct things.
5. Actions are what make a leader.
6. Leaders act in order to solve problems.
7. Action requires purposeful planning.
8. Leaders are purposeful and careful in each action.
9. Good thinking drives sound actions.
10. Taking in all available information
11. Analyzing information carefully
12. Narrowing down options & prioritizing (weighing the pros vs. the cons)

Conclusion:

Essay Outline #2

Thesis Statement:

Multitasking is not only not thinking, it impairs one’s ability to think.

1. While engaged in multitasking, one’s cognitive functions are compromised.

1. Research study that monitored cognitive functions during multitasking and not during multitasking.

2. Subjects showed less cognition while multitasking

1. Multitasking interrupts thinking

1. 20 second bursts of thinking interrupted by Facebook, Twitter, email, etc. stops deep thoughts from having a chance to formulate.

1. Full attention cannot be paid while multitasking.
2. Without full attention, sound thinking is impossible.
3. Multitasking shortens our attention span and decreases our ability to think deeply and for oneself.

1. We become used to short bursts of paying attention which stunts our ability to pay attention for longer.

1. Small bites of information do not provide enough substance for formulating careful thinking.

Conclusion:

Essay Outline #3

Thesis Statement:

Democracy without a complete education system is ineffective.

1. Democracy requires people to make important decisions via voting that affect everyone.
2. Freedoms like giving women the right to vote
3. Choosing people (legislators) who will write new laws and change our existing laws
4. Education must be available and accessible to all
5. In order to participate in a democracy, everyone should have equal access.
6. A democracy cannot be successful without equality.
7. Potential voters must be taught critical thinking.
8. To think critically one must look at issues from multiple sides and draw conclusions from known information
9. Voters need to think critically to analyze the misinformation spread in advertisements by campaigners

Conclusion: